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Kerala family arrives in luxury cars & dupes Mysuru furniture dealer

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (RK&BCT)- A Kerala-based family posing as affluent buyers has defrauded a furniture store owner in the city of Rs. 99,65,500. Vijayanagar Police have registered an FIR against five individuals in connection with the elaborate scam. The fraud, which unfolded between Aug. 8, 2021 and Oct. 13, 2025, targeted Tree Trend Furniture — a high-end outlet on Hunsur Main Road in Hinkal. The store's proprietor, A.C. Joy, a resident of Hootagalli, filed a complaint accusing five members of the same family of orchestrating the deception.

According to the complaint, the accused — identified as 50-year-old M.K. Hakkin, 45-year-old Hafsath Beevi, 22-year-old M. Mohammad Khalis, 19-year-old M.H. Mohammad Vasil and 45-year-old M.E. Pravees, all from Kozhikode in Kerala — arrived at the store in luxury cars in 2021, claiming they had purchased two new homes in Kerala and wanted premium furniture.

Proof of homes

To gain the store owner's trust, Hakkin reportedly showed two bungalows via WhatsApp video calls and even introduced an engineer during the conversation.

(See CON on page 7)

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Mysuru, Thursday 16th October 2025

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

FINDING COMFORT IN THE UNKNOWN: ***Human tendency is to slip into a comfort zone. There is a famous saying, 'familiarity breeds contempt,' while another goes, 'familiarity breeds comfort.' We get good sleep in our own bed, head against the same pillow, covered with the same blanket, even when they cry for a good wash.***

The experience of palpitations as one heads to an unknown place is well-known. The fear of the unknown takes over our senses as we carry items described above for better comfort. There are individuals who find it difficult to sleep when in unfamiliar environments without their usual comforts.

What does it take to let go of the known comforts? The known is known to cause attachment to the extent that it becomes overbearing. We realise we are attached to inanimate things like our car, home, a favourite sweet, or farmhouse. A question can then arise in one's mind about how one should view the attachment towards one's family and a pet animal. Vedanta asks us to analyse our own day-to-day experience wherein when we go to sleep, we become detached from everything, including our own body. The proof point is that any physical pain is not felt as a 'suffering' in our deep sleep. Our own 'always attached' mobile phone lies next to the bed without us even being aware of its existence during our sleep.

Eventually at the end of this mortal journey we must let go of everything. The thought that this journey's end can be at any moment should be our mindset. A series of this single thought will be an affirmation to let go of the known comforts and to seek the unknown.

Shastras tell us that the so-called unknown is our own True Self, unfortunately covered by our own mental ignorance. It is the most obvious when these layers of ignorance are removed through inquiry, at which point the 'most unknown' becomes the 'most known.' It is our own consciousness that we must yearn to know by investing sufficient time and effort.

The "Unknown" realised as "Known" is indeed the eternal truth, which has stood the test of time. We need to embrace it with open arms, knowing which, the Mundaka Upanishad says, we do not have to know anything else to make it known in this ephemeral world!

—Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man fakes blindness for disability funds

Vincenza: A 70-year-old Italian man stands accused of pretending to be totally blind for over 50 years, during which time he collected over one million euros ($1.16 million) in disability payments.

The case of a Vincenza man who unduly received over a million euros in benefits for total blindness over a period of 53 years has once again brought Italy's verification mechanisms for subsidies and disability payments into the spotlight. The man, whose name was revealed, had declared completely blind over five decades ago, following a work-related incident. Since then, he had collected over a million euros, but when the finance Police of the Vincenza provincial command conducted cross-checks and decided to follow and video-record him. That's how they caught him performing gardening work with dangerous tools and carefully checking out produce at the market before buying it.

Underground public toilet as boutique hotel

Oxford: The Netty, a cozy boutique hotel located down a flight of stairs, in the middle of St. Giles Road, in Oxford, used to be a public toilet for over 100 years.

Built in 1895, during the reign of England's Queen Victoria, The Netty served as a gentlemen's toilet until 2008, when it was closed for safety reasons. It remained unused for 11 years before its owner finally decided to give it a new lease on life as an unusual boutique hotel.

It is now regarded as one of the most unusual places to stay and even though it's "not for everyone." According to hotel manager Ana Pinheiro, it has its own distinct charm.

The Netty, an old term for an outhouse, offers just two sweets which start from £170 ($227) per night. There is no reception, restaurant, or room service, but guests do get access to a help line for any help.

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Kannada Debate, Folk Song Contests on Oct. 18

Mysuru, Oct. 16- As part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of the Mysore Diocesan Educational Society (MDES), St. Joseph's Central School, Vijayanagar, will host an Inter-High School Kannada Debate and Folk Song Singing Competitions on the theme 'Green Campus, Clean Campus' at the school premises on Oct. 18.

Over 17 schools from across Mysuru are expected to participate, with four students from each school, totalling around 70 participants. The day-long event aims to promote environmental awareness among students while encouraging Kannada language and culture.

The event will be inaugurated at 9 am by R. Manjunath, Assistant Professor, JSS Institute of Education, Kowdalli, Sakleshpur. The valedictory and prize distribution function will be held at 1.30 pm the same day.

Attractive awards will be presented to the top three participants in each category. Apart from individual award, overall trophy is also given.

The event seeks to inspire young minds to contribute towards building a cleaner and greener learning environment while showcasing their oratory and musical talents in Kannada.

For details, contact Mob: 83109-06646, according to a press release.

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- ***There are about 32,000 species of fish swimming around in the ocean.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Professor's wife: *Dear, do you know what day it is ? Twenty-five years ago today, we first became engaged.*

The absent-minded Professor looked shocked: *Twenty-five years!! Why didn't you say so before? It's high time we got married!!*

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VOICE OF THE READER

Roadside mobile fast food vendors causing inconvenience

Sir,

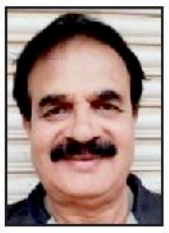
On Vanivilasa Road connecting the old Law Courts and the RTO, roadside mobile fast food vendors have encroached upon the footpath, causing severe inconvenience to pedestrians, especially senior citizens. As a result, people are forced to walk on the main road, which in turn disrupts traffic movement during peak hours.

More importantly, Vanivilasa Road connecting to Mahatma Gandhi Road has become one of the busiest roads in Mysuru in recent years. However, there are no speed breakers along this stretch. There have been several cases where vehicles, especially two-wheelers, speeding along this road, have caused fatal accidents.

I appeal to the Mysuru City Corporation authorities, the Police Commissioner and the Traffic Department to take immediate steps to clear the fast food vendors from this area and install speed breakers along the stretch before any untoward incidents occur in the future.

—Arun Kumar
Chamarajapuram 14.10.2025

Selected for Saalumarada Thimmakka Award



Kumar Arasegowda

Hunsur, Oct. 16 (KS)- Kumar Arasegowda, theatre artiste and actor has been selected for 'Vruksha Mathe Saalumarada Thimmakka National Award.'

The award will be presented at a function organised by Kavyashree Charitable Trust, Karnataka and Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Praishat at Mysuru District Kannada Sahitya Parishat Bhavan on Oct. 19, according to a press release.

Star Pups Find a Home

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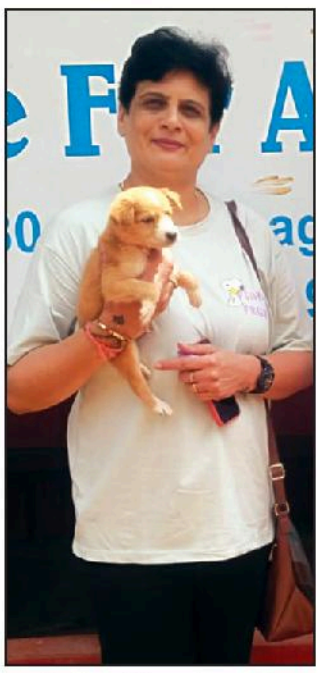

Golu with mother of Pratham Poonacha.

Goofy with Stephan Farrell.

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (KS)- Golu and Goofy, both eight-week-old pups, which were being cared at People For Animals (PFA) in city, have been adopted.

While Golu was adopted by Pratham Poonacha of Bannimantap, Goofy was adopted by Stephan Farrell from Siddarthanagar.

It may be mentioned that ***Golu and Goofy*** were up for adoption and a news item titled ***"Adopt Us..."*** was published in *Star of Mysore* dated Oct. 12.

National Conference on Cybersecurity

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Maharani's Arts College for Women (MACW), Mysuru, in collaboration with The National Institute of Engineering (NIE), Mysuru, will be hosting a National Conference on 'Social Awareness on Cybersecurity and Phishing Attacks: Challenges & Preventive Strategies' at Smt. Jailakshmammanni Auditorium in Maharani's Arts College for Women in city tomorrow (Oct. 17).

The event is sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) under its Collaborative Research Projects on Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative.

The Conference is intended to address one of the most pressing issues of our times — the challenge of safeguarding individuals and institutions from phishing, data breaches and online fraud. It will highlight national and global policy frameworks, the importance of community awareness, data protection laws, ethical responsibilities and safe internet practices.

Expert lectures and paper presentations will enrich the sessions, enabling participants to engage with the technical, social and ethical dimensions of cybersecurity.

The inaugural session at 10 am will be attended by eminent dignitaries, including Dr. K.M. Anil Kumar, Professor at JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), Mysuru, as the chief guest, along with K. Harishgowda, MLA and Chairman of the College Development Council (CDC) at Maharani's Arts College for Women, and Dr. D.S. Prathima, Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Mysuru, as the guests of honour.

The event is being organised under the academic leadership of Dr. Rohini Nagapadma, Principal of NIE, Mysuru and Dr. M.S. Anitha, Principal of Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru, with active support from Dr. K.C. Manjunath, Vice-Principal, NIE and Dr. C. Vidya Raj, Dean (Academic Affairs), NIE.

The National Conference is coordinated by a committed team comprising Dr. P.N. Hemachandra, Professor at MACW; Dr. A. Ananda, PG Coordinator in the Department of Economics at MACW; K. Venkatesh, Gazetted Manager at MACW; Dr. B.S. Sharmila, Assistant Professor in ECE at NIE; Dr. B.M. Nandini, Associate Professor in CSE at NIE and Dr. S.S. Kavitha, Assistant Professor in ECE at NIE.

New Regional Commr. of Mysuru

Nitesh Patil

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Nitesh Patil assumed charge as the new Regional Commissioner of Mysuru Division on Tuesday.

Patil replaces Deputy Commissioner of Kodagu Venkat Raja, who was holding the additional charge of the post.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, **Shafi Ahamed** S/o Late Anwar Pasha. Hanagodu Village. Hanagodu Hobli, Hunsur Taluk, I hereby declare as the natural father of my son that the name of my son **Shihan H.S.** has been changed from **Shihan H.S.** to **Hassan.** said order dated 25/09/2025 Passed by the Hon'ble Principal Civil Judge at Hunsur in O S No 174/2025 , So All the documents, and properties and educational records and other transactions in the old name of my son will henceforth continue and be valid in the new name of **Hassan.**

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Notice Inviting bids/tenders through GeM Portal for hiring of office premises for setting up of ESIC, Branch Office, Mandya

Employees State Insurance Corporation, Sub Regional Office, Mysuru invites bid/tender through GeM portal for hiring of office premises with in the city limits of Mandya for the period of 3 years on monthly rental basis for setting up of ESIC, Branch Office.

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The interested bidders should submit the tender online in GeM portal on or before 27th October, 2025 by 16:00 Hrs.

For complete tender document, the bidders may visit https://sromysuru.esic.gov.in and https://gem.gov.in Any change in the tender process will be published in the above websites only.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Basketball and Throwball Tourneys

Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji Memorial Men's Basketball and Women's Throwball Tournament, organised by JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU), will be inaugurated at SJCE Basketball Court at 9.30 am tomorrow (Oct. 17). JSS Mahavidyapeetha Accounts and Audit Director K.R. Santhanam will be the chief guest. JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar will preside. SJCE Principal (in-charge) and Dean (Engg. & Tech.) Dr. C. Nataraju and JSS STU Registrar Prof. Dr. S.A. Dhanaraj will be present.

Extra-Ordinary Meeting of MRC

An Extra-Ordinary Meeting of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd. will be held at the MRC premises on Race Course Road in city on Oct. 27 at 10 am.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni-821,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by **B. Balakrishnaiah**, Retd. Teacher and State Resource Person, Department of Education, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Oct. 18 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Ph.D awardees

Krithika Raj has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Job Burnout, Work-Family Conflict and Mental Well-Being: A Study of Faculties in Select Private Colleges in Bengaluru' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Kiran.

M.T. Shruthi Ranjani has been awarded Ph.D in Faculty of Arts - Performing Arts by the Bangalore University, Bengaluru, for her thesis 'An analytical Study of Raaga System in Indian Classical Music and Scale System in Western Classical Music' submitted under the guidance of Dr. K. Ramakrishnaiah. She is the daughter of violinist Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy.

Kerala bizman robbed near Balugodu, Kodagu

Appus

Madikeri, Oct. 16 (PS&BCT)- A businessman from Kerala was brutally assaulted and robbed near Balugodu village in Kodagu while travelling to Mysuru via the Gonikoppal-Hunsur route. The incident occurred around 11.30 am yesterday.

The victim, identified as Appus, a hotel and textile entrepreneur from Vadakara district in Kerala, was on his way to Mysuru to purchase supplies for his businesses ahead of the Deepavali festival. He was driving a car bearing Kerala registration number KL-11-BK-9703.

According to Police reports, a group of five men in a white car with a Maharashtra registration number intercepted Appus near a petrol pump turn at Balugodu. The assailants allegedly followed him, blocked his vehicle and attacked him with iron rods and wooden sticks, causing severe head injuries.

They then snatched Rs. 10,400 in cash and his purse before fleeing the scene. Appus was later rushed to the Gonikoppal Community Health Centre for treatment.

Gonikoppal Police Inspector Pradeep Kumar, along with staff members Satish, Lokesh, Sajjan Tanukumar and Virajpet Rural Crime Inspector B.S. Vani, visited the spot.

Additional officers, including Abdul Majeed, Hemanth, Prameela, Ponnampet Inspector G. Naveen and Officer Balappa, have joined the investigation.

Authorities are reviewing CCTV footage and collecting eyewitness accounts to identify and arrest the culprits.

Another Kerala man assaulted, robbed at Perumbadi, Virajpet

Virajpet, Oct. 16 (BCT)- A robbery and assault incident was reported early this morning near Perumbadi, Virajpet, on the Karnataka-Kerala border, where a man from Kerala was attacked while travelling by car.

The victim, Radeesh (30), a resident of Kuthuparamba in Kannur district, Kerala, was assaulted by unidentified assailants while en route through the area.

He sustained injuries and is currently receiving treatment at Virajpet Government Hospital.

The assailants reportedly intercepted the vehicle and assaulted him before fleeing with valuables. The exact amount of the looted valuables is being ascertained.

Police teams at Virajpet mobilise to investigate two robberies that occurred yesterday and this morning.

Virajpet Police have launched an intensive search to trace the accused.

Checkpoints have been set up across the district as part of a coordinated nakabandi operation.

Authorities are reviewing surveillance footage and gathering leads to identify the culprits. Further investigation is underway.

Three tiger cubs rescued

Combing operation on to trace mother tiger

Chamarajanagar, Oct. 16 (KS)- Forest Department staff have rescued three tiger cubs which were separated from its mother.

The Forest staff, who were on their routine patrolling on Punajanoor-Bedaguli connecting road in Biligiriranganatha Tiger Reserve (BRT) on Oct. 13, observed two tiger cubs moving around at Bajebavi Forest Area.

The staff, who continued their patrolling till Kappina Kanave Forest Area, returned on the same route and again saw the two cubs on the same road. The staff then inspected the surroundings but did not find the mother tiger and immediately informed their higher officers.

Based on the instructions from the higher officials, the staff installed camera traps at the spot and surroundings to monitor the movements of the mother tiger.

As per National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) guidelines, a Standard Technical Guidance and Monitoring Committee has been formed to supervise the tracing of the mother tiger and also to monitor the cubs.

Combing operations were conducted yesterday with the help of domesticated elephants Bhima and Mahendra to trace the mother tiger, during which one more cub was found.

The Forest Department is continuing the combing operation today also to trace the mother tiger and reunite the cubs.

The three cubs are said to be 30-days-old and are under the care of Veterinarians.

Takes charge

***Anand** (in uniform), who took charge as the Inspector of Nanjangud Rural Police Station, being greeted by outgoing Inspector Sunil Kumar at the Police Station recently.*

Obituary

Cheranda Meena

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Cheranda Meena (Koopadhira), wife of late Jayakumar and a resident of No. 2174/A, 6th Cross, 15th Main, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away yesterday in city. She was 71.

She leaves behind her children Suraj, Mallangada Roshni Kuttappa and Ittira Priya Chethan and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this morning, according to family sources.

Lakshman

Lakshman (73), a civil contractor and a resident of Gundurao Nagar, passed away following brief illness on Tuesday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Leelavathi, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday, according to family sources.

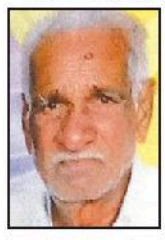
Shanthakumar

Hunsur: Shanthakumar (57), lecturer at Government Boys Junior College and a resident of Ganesha Gudi Street, passed away yesterday in the town.

He leaves behind his mother, wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held this afternoon in the town, according to family sources.

Somashekar



Somashekar (67), father of former Harave Gram Panchayat President late Mariyappa, passed away at Harave village in the taluk yesterday. Last rites were held at the village yesterday evening, according to family sources.

Easy Pass?

Just score 33 to pass SSLC &...

just 30 to pass PUC

Bengaluru, Oct. 16 - The Government of Karnataka has revised the passing marks for SSLC and PUC examinations to 33 percent and 30 percent respectively, effective from the current academic year. Previously, the passing percentage for both SSLC and PUC was 35 percent.

Announcing this change in Bengaluru yesterday, Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa said students scoring 33 percent in SSLC exams will now be declared passed. He added that the revision will also apply to private schools across the State.

This revision aims to improve Karnataka's examination system, he claimed. The Minister also clarified that there is no proposal to reduce the total marks for the first language in SSLC from the existing 125 to 100.

In addition to the changes in examination policy, Madhu Bangarappa announced that 800 Government schools will be upgraded to Public Schools at a cost of Rs. 3,000 crore. He also stated that the recruitment process for 18,000 teachers for primary and high schools will commence shortly.

'Corruption in Police transfers reason for increase in crime'

MLC A.H. Vishwanath also suggests 50% passing score for Government jobs

Mysuru, Oct.16 (BLU&DM)- Citing the recent spate of crimes in Mysuru, MLC A.H. Vishwanath has alleged a complete breakdown of law and order in the State.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning, Vishwanath attributed the failure of law and order in the State on monies exchanged for Police transfers.

Claiming that the Siddaramaiah-led Government had become a laughing stock for its all-round administrative failures and accused the CM of draining the State treasury to implement guarantee schemes.

On passing marks

Commenting on the Government's move to reduce the passing marks for SSLC and PUC students, Vishwanath termed it an unwise decision.

He argued that such measures would only erode the quality of education and urged the Government to fix 50 percent as the minimum qualifying mark for State Government job applications.

Priyank Kharge Vs RSS

Taking a dig at Minister Priyank Kharge for his recent tirade against the RSS, Vishwanath questioned the motive behind raising the issue now.

"What is the need for Priyank to rake this up? Is everything alright within the Youth Congress? What harm has the RSS caused?" he asked.

He then urged the Congress Government to focus on the functioning of the Police and Revenue Departments as it affects the people of the State.

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Kantara's Rishab Shetty visits Chamundi Hill

Calls the film's success as Chamundeshwari's blessings

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (BLU&BS)- Kannada film actor Rishab Shetty, who is riding high on the success of his latest movie Kantara Chapter-1, visited Goddess Chamundeshwari temple atop Chamundi Hill in the city this morning.

Popular as 'Divine Star', Shetty told media persons, "I have had the darshan of the Goddess. The success of Kantara-1, proves that the people have accepted the hard work of the crew and credit should also go to Kannadigas, who had responded similarly to my previous film - Kantara."

"It is due to the blessings of the Goddess Chamundeshwari, that is depicted in the film, the film has turned into a big success. Hailing from a nondescript village, I am extremely happy to have found the success," said Shetty.

Recalling his participation in the popular game show *Kaun Banega Crorepati* hosted by legendary Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan, Rishab said he was glad that he got to spend time talking to the legendary actor. Continuing to talk about senior actor he spoke effusively about thespian actor Dr. Rajkumar.

On the issue of groups in the Kannada film industry, Shetty said he was not big enough to comment on fan wars, but said, his only appeal to the fans is to make Kannada films a success.

He also made an appeal to cine lovers, not to make a mockery of *Daivaradhane,* detailing that such a religious ritual entails a deep-rooted practice guided by culture and discipline.

Banning RSS activities in public places row

Minister must not make useless statements: BJP

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (GA&BCT)- Mysuru BJP Rural President K.N. Subbanna has hit back at Minister Priyank Kharge's remarks on banning the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) activities in public places, questioning whether such a move is even feasible.

Mysuru BJP Rural President K.N. Subbanna addressing a press conference at BJP Office in city yesterday as others look on.

Speaking at a press conference at the City BJP Office yesterday, Subbanna reminded the Minister that several prominent Congress leaders — including Indira Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru and Kharge's father M. Mallikarjun Kharge — had themselves visited RSS offices in the past and admired their nation-building activities, functioning and discipline.

"Minister Priyank Kharge calls the RSS unfit for patriotic spaces and wants to ban their route marches in public spaces. But can he really ban the RSS? Those who made such statements earlier — where are they now? Ministers must desist from making useless statements, " Subbanna said.

He also took a swipe at Priyank Kharge's response to Biocon Chairperson Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, who had expressed disappointment over Bengaluru's poor road conditions.

"Instead of addressing the issue, the Minister, holding a responsible post, sarcastically told her to fill the potholes herself," Subbanna said, accusing the Government of failing to attract foreign investments and lacking hospitality towards global companies.

Citing Google's Rs. 1.33 lakh crore investment in Visakhapatnam, Subbanna praised the proactive approach of the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister. "Here, our Ministers are busy showcasing potholes and making senseless statements on RSS instead of welcoming investors," he remarked.

Subbanna further alleged that law and order in Karnataka has deteriorated and corruption has peaked. "Every two to three months, officials' houses are raided and crores of rupees are recovered. The Government is enabling the accumulation of illegal wealth," he claimed.

He accused the State Government of deliberately inconveniencing the public. "From the day this Government took charge till its last, it seems committed to causing trouble," he said, referring to mismanagement during Dasara festival and recent rape and murder of a girl in Mysuru.

Dasaiah, the District Convener of Aatmanirbhar, who also spoke, underscored the importance of self-reliance under Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative. "We must stop buying foreign goods and support locally made products. This strengthens our industries, workers and the national economy," he said.

He noted that awareness drives are being conducted door-to-door to promote indigenous products and boost exports. "Our goal is not just to use Indian goods but to export them globally," Dasaiah stated.

Leaders Srinivas Reddy, Guruswamy, Sharath Puttabuddi, spokesperson Dayanand Patel and coordinator Mahadevaswamy were also present.

Violence against Hindus

Samiti demands action

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (SPN&BCT)- Members of the Hindu Janajagruthi Samiti have submitted a memorandum to the State Government through the Mysuru Deputy Commissioner, demanding a strict action against those allegedly targeting Hindus under the guise of community-led campaigns across various districts.

Samiti coordinator Sharath Kumar alleged that recent campaigns have led to violent attacks on Hindus in several parts of the State. "Those responsible for these assaults, including office-bearers of organisations inciting violence against the Hindu community, must face legal consequences," he said.

The Samiti urged the Government to invoke anti-terror laws against individuals who deliberately incite riots during Hindu festivals. They also demanded that damages caused to public and private property by attackers be recovered from the perpetrators.

Sharath Kumar further called for investigations into hate speech targeting Hindus and emphasised the need for preventive policing during upcoming festivals like Deepavali to ensure law and order is maintained.

Drawing parallels with communal unrest in States like Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, where the disturbing forces were dealt with an iron hand, the Samiti demanded that Karnataka must not follow same path.

They urged Police to implement security measures to prevent escalation.

Also present were Hindu Janajagruthi Samiti leaders Gopalakrishna, Siddalingaswamy, Shashikanth, Ashok Kapoor, Deepak, Nagendra, Nigin, Puttarachayya and Ambika from Sanatan Sanstha, along with representatives of other organisations.

Beat Police go door-to-door in city to build confidence

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (MK&KS)- In a citywide initiative 'Mane Manege Police' (Police Door-to-Door), Mysuru city Police officers are visiting residences to raise public awareness about law and order and the responsibilities of the Police.

Under the guidance of DCPs R.N. Bindu Mani (Law & Order) and K.S. Sundar Raj (Crime & Traffic), officers from various stations have been visiting residential areas across the city. The campaign aims to build trust and inform citizens about the role and functioning of the Police force.

As part of the outreach, posters featuring details of visiting officers and key Police services were affixed to homes. Residents were briefed on how to contact their local Police, report issues and participate in community safety initiatives. Stickers containing visit information and officers' phone numbers were also pasted on walls.

Launched in Mysuru on July 30, the State-wide initiative — suggested by State Director General and Inspector General of Police Dr. M.A. Saleem -- was inaugurated by former Indian cricketer and current ICC match referee Javagal Srinath. It is designed to foster people-friendly policing and bridge the gap between citizens and the Police.

As part of the programme, beat officers from every Police station are visiting homes in their jurisdiction, interacting with residents, collecting neighbourhood details and noting any law and order concerns. The data will provide the Police with a deeper, real-time understanding of their areas. Each beat constable has been assigned a cluster of 40–50 homes, covering up to 250 households, ensuring personalised engagement.

Residents can now share updates about potential crimes or illegal activities directly with their assigned officers.

CAR Head Constable booked for fraud

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (RK&BCT)- A case has been registered at Kuvempunagar Police Station against City Armed Reserve (CAR) Head Constable Channakeshava, his wife Mamatha and five trustees of Gurukalpa Trust for allegedly defrauding a local educationist of Rs. 7.45 lakh under the pretext of appointing him as Vice-Principal and trustee of a PU college.

The complainant, Sunil, founder of Akshara Foundation and a prominent figure in the education sector, alleged that Channakeshava lured him with an offer to join Vishwamanava PU College as Vice-Principal.

According to Kuvempunagar Inspector Yogesh, the college, administered by Gurukalpa Trust — run by Channakeshava, Mamatha and other trustees — is located in Ramakrishnanagar.

Initially hesitant, Sunil was persuaded to join after promises of a high salary and a trustee position. He reportedly campaigned for the college across several schools, inducting many students.

Later, citing financial difficulties, Channakeshava requested Rs. 10 lakh, offering to formally induct Sunil as a trustee.

Though Sunil initially declined, he was convinced by Channakeshava and Mamatha to arrange the funds through a relative named Chayadevi. An agreement was signed and cheques were issued as security.

However, months passed without any formal appointment. Channakeshava allegedly backtracked, stating the money would now be treated as a loan, with interest to be paid, the complaint stated.

When Sunil raised the matter at a trustees' meeting, Channakeshava and Mamatha reportedly responded dismissively.

Despite repeated requests, only Rs. 2.55 lakh was returned, while the remaining amount was withheld. Cheques issued by Channakeshava bounced, prompting Sunil to file a Police complaint.

The accused, including Channakeshava, allegedly behaved arrogantly and refused to return the money. With no other recourse, Sunil has registered a case against Channakeshava, Mamatha and the five Gurukalpa Trust members.

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Hakkin selected furniture worth Rs. 40 lakh and handed over blank cheques, assuring the owner that they could be presented to the bank on a specified date and that the furniture could be dispatched after the cheques are realised.

Acting in good faith, Joy packed furniture worth Rs. 40 lakh and later presented the cheques, which bounced due to insufficient funds.

Freeze by IT Department

When informed, Hakkin claimed his account held Rs. 124 crore but was frozen by the Income Tax Department. He produced documents to support his bank balance story and promised to buy more furniture once the funds were released.

Later, Hakkin sought financial help from Joy to 'unfreeze' his bank accounts, promising a 25 percent commission if Rs. 124 crore was released. He further assured that he would purchase more furniture and offer commissions on future deals.

Trusting these assurances, Joy transferred money in instalments amounting to Rs. 99,65,500.

However, when he repeatedly demanded repayment and urged Hakkin to take delivery of the packed furniture, Hakkin stalled, claiming the issue could only be settled in New Delhi and luring Joy with talk of a multi-crore business opportunity.

When demands for more money continued, Joy realised he had been cheated and approached the Vijayanagar Police, who registered an FIR against the five accused under charges of fraud and criminal conspiracy.

Team sent to Kerala

Vijayanagar Police Inspector S.D. Suresh Kumar told *Star of Mysore* this morning that investigation and document verification are underway. The accused have provided Kozhikode addresses, but no additional details were available with the complainant.

A Police team has been dispatched to Kerala to identify the accused based on CCTV footage obtained from the furniture store, the Inspector added.

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Diwali for Ram, Krishna, Lakshmi, Yama, Asuras and Ancestors

Diwali in north India celebrates the return of Ram from Ayodhya. Diwali, or rather Deepavali, in south India celebrates the defeat of Narakasura by Krishna. In South Indian traditions, Diwali celebrations take place on the 14th day, that is, on the eve of the new moon day. It involves wives bathing husbands with oil and unguents, early in the morning, mimicking Satyabhama and Krishna.

Then, there is the crushing of a cucumber-like fruit (karit) to represent the destruction of Narakasura. In Goa, effigies of Narakasura are burnt, and crackers at dawn. Thus, we find the north and south traditions are very different, one favouring Ram, the other favouring Krishna.

In the western part of India, amongst traders, the Diwali celebrations happen on the new moon day. They involve the opening of a new balance sheet: the day after Diwali is when Govardhan Puja is done and 56 types of food are offered to Krishna. Two days later, Yama is visited by his sister Yami, or Yamuna. Yamuna, the river, like all rivers, is linked to Lakshmi. Yama, god of death, trapped in the world of the dead, is linked via Chitragupta, to karmic accounting. Thus,

the sister, who embodies wealth, seeks welfare of her brother who ensures humanity (her husband) treats her with respect, responsibility and accountability.

Diwali new moon is also associated with the rise of Bali, king of Patala. The following day he goes back to the nether regions. This ascent and descent of Bali and asuras is linked to growth of crops and harvests. The arrival of the asura-king is marked by games of gambling played on Diwali new moon night.

In Vedic times, the negative forces were linked less with demons and more with ancestors (pitr) and ghosts (bhoot). And so, in eastern parts of India, Diwali is linked not with asuras but with the dead. The eve of Diwali is called Bhoot Chaturdashi, where 14 lamps are lit and 14 different forms of food are prepared for the ancestors in Bengal. Diwali is linked to Kali. The worship of Lakshmi happens a fortnight earlier on the full moon night of Sharad Poornima.

In the Jagannath Temple of Puri, Odisha, a huge gathering of people takes place. Here, people perform shraadh, and feed ancestors. They light lamps to show ancestors the path to return to the land of the dead (pitr-loka). The ancestors come to earth when Jagannath Rathyatra ends. They leave when Chaturmaas (four months of monsoon) draws to a close and Vishnu is about to wake up.

Ancestor worship has been going on in India since Vedic times. The Vedic householder would make offerings, facing the east, to the gods during spring and summer seasons. However, the monsoon, and subsequent autumn and winter festivals, are linked to ancestors, ghosts and, in later times, came to be linked to asuras and demons. Thus Pitr-loka, or land of the dead, is linked with Patala, subterranean realm of asuras, and Naraka, the hell of those trapped with debts. Diwali recognises these beings and encourages generosity and charity as the only way to end debts and liberate the dead from the wheel of rebirths.

In a world, where north Indian mythology overshadows all other Hindu mythologies, from the eastern, western and southern part of India, it is good to remind ourselves of other traditions that speak of Hinduism's diversity.

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Arun Yogiraj's Ganesha to adorn Ranbir-Alia's new home in Mumbai

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (VNS)- Renowned Mysuru-based sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who carved the idol of Balak Ram installed at Sri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, statues of Adi Shankaracharya (Kedarnath) and Subhash Chandra Bose (India Gate in New Delhi), has now sculpted a Lord Ganesha idol for Bollywood stars Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt.

Alia Bhatt is a devout follower of Lord Ganesha. The four-foot-tall idol, sculpted from a single stone *(ekashila)* blending Hoysala and Mysuru styles, will adorn the entrance of the couple's new bungalow in Bandra, Mumbai.

Ranbir and Alia are all set to move into their new six-storey residence during Deepavali next week. The property carries deep emotional significance for the Kapoor family as it was originally owned by Ranbir's grandparents — the legendary Raj

Ganesha idol sculpted by Arun Yogiraj. Picture right shows Arun Yogiraj with actress Alia Bhatt, his wife Vijetha Yogiraj and Alia's mother-in-law Neetu Kapoor.

Kapoor and Krishna Raj Kapoor — and was later passed on to his parents, Rishi Kapoor and Neetu Kapoor.

The Ganesha idol rests on a two-and-a-half-foot pedestal made of a different stone, intricately carved with figures of musicians that add to its grandeur. The meticulous carving process took over six months, with artisans working tirelessly to create a masterpiece that aligns perfectly with Alia's vision. The work took nearly 6-8 months to complete at Arun Yogiraj's studio in Thandya, Nanjangud taluk and was transported to Mumbai by road yesterday evening.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Arun Yogiraj said, "Both Alia and Ranbir, who contacted me over phone, had requested me to carve a Ganesha idol for their new home in Mumbai. I had visited their construction site last year to understand where the idol would be installed and to ensure it would complement the space. The couple was warm, courteous and invited me for lunch at their current residence."

Bouddha Mahasammelana concludes at Maharaja's College Grounds

Chairman of Bouddha Mahasammelana and former Mayor R. Purushotham seen felicitating Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with a garland and a memento on the concluding day of 'Bouddha Mahasammelana' last evening at Maharaja's College Grounds in city as Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, Gandhinagar's Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji and others look on.

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (MK&BS)- The two-day 'Bouddha Mahasammelana' in the city concluded last evening at Maharaja's College Grounds, with the participation of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar, District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi and other dignitaries.

The programme was graced by Manorakkitha Bhanteji and Gandhinagar's Urilingapeddi Mutt Seer Sri Jnanaprakash Swamiji.

The Sammelana was organised by Karnataka Rajya Bhikkhu Sangha, Rajya Bouddha Sangha Samsthegalu, Rajya Ambedkarvadi Sangha Samsthegalu and Vishwa Mythri Buddha Vihara.

In his address, Siddaramaiah emphasised that tolerance towards other religions, co-existence, truth, non-violence and peace are essential for a harmonious society.

He further highlighted that building an equal society and eradicating slavery requires empowering the underprivileged and poor with financial, educational, and political opportunities, especially within the prevailing caste system dictated by class and creed. Siddaramaiah acknowledged that this is no easy task.

"Social reformers like Bhagwan Buddha, Basavanna and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar worked tirelessly to establish an egalitarian society but faced resistance due to deep-rooted caste hierarchies and vested interests," he said.

Dignitaries present included MSIL Chairman and MLA C. Puttaranga Shetty, KSPCB Chairman and MLA P.M. Narendra Swamy, MLAs A.R. Krishnamurthy, D. Ravishankar, and Darshan Dhruvanarayan, MLCs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah and Dr. D. Thimmaiah and former Mayor Purushotham, among others.

FIVE RESOLUTIONS

Chairman of Bouddha Mahasammelana and former Mayor R. Purushotham submitted five resolutions to the State Government. They are as follows:

1. Establishment of Bouddha Development Corporation with initial grants of Rs. 500 crore and Bouddha Study Centre at all the Universities in the State.

2. Inclusion of the word 'Bouddharudhyana' in the Nadageethe penned by Rashtrakavi Kuvempu, as mentioned in its original copy.

3. Allotment of 3-acre land in all district headquarters and 1-acre of land at taluk headquarters for building Buddha Vihar.

4. Special funds for the yatra to Buddha Gaya and Lumbini, on the lines of Haj Yatra.

5. Converting Ambedkar Bhavan at all the villages to Skill Development Centres and creating local job opportunities for women and unemployed youngsters, including men and women.

Actor Prakash Raj mocks RSS

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (PM&BS)- Multilingual actor Prakash Raj took a sharp dig at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), which is celebrating its centenary nationwide.

Delivering the valedictory address at the two-day Bouddha Mahasammelana that concluded yesterday at Maharaja's College Grounds, Prakash Raj mocked the outfit without naming it directly, calling it "an organisation that has completed 100 years but lacks sense."

Prakash Raj added that society should be guided by the principles of Buddha and Basava, which inspired Dr. B.R. Ambedkar to emerge as a beacon of light. He also cautioned the gathering to be wary of political leaders.

Actor Prakash Raj delivering the valedictory address at Maharaja's College Grounds last evening.

In a veiled reference to the incident where Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar recited the RSS anthem in the Legislative Assembly — sparking controversy and prompting an apology — Prakash Raj remarked: "We should tell those leaders to shed double standards, not attend programmes organised by Sanghis as chief guests, and refrain from singing the RSS anthem in the Assembly."

Romania honour for city wildlife photographer

Mysuru, Oct. 16 (BS)- **K.G. Siddalinga Prasad,** wildlife photographer and Vishista Seva Sadhaka-2024 awardee from the city, has been awarded Photographic Distinction Honorary- Hon. CPE, by the Campina Photographic Exhibitions Society, Romania.

A resident of Irrigation Layout, Bogadi South in the city, Prasad was considered for the award for the promotion of photographic art worldwide and supporting and promoting exhibitions organised by Campina Photographic Exhibitions Society.

Prasad has been a photographer for the past several years and has participated in photography competitions organised at over 30 countries and has won awards. He has secured Grade 2 in the list of Best Photo Exhibitors of Federation of Indian Photographic Society, the country's prestigious photography institute.

Nominations declared valid for MRC elections

Mysuru, Oct. 16- The following nominations have been declared valid and each Member noted below is eligible for election as Steward and Committee Member of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Limited at the 57th Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Oct. 27 at 11 am at the Club Office in city:

Stewards: G.K. Balakrishnan, B.U. Chengappa, Y.B. Ganesh, Al Rm Nagappan, Y.P. Udaya Shankar and H.V. Vijay Kumar.

Committee Members: L.N. Nataraj, Rakesh Vijayakumar and Dr. T. Vijaya Kumar, according to a press release from MRC Secretary & CEO NHS Mani.

MYSORE RACES 2025

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'Magnetic' for Governor's Cup

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Following are the selections for the 13th Day of Mysore Monsoon Races to be held here on Friday (Oct.17, 2025):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE LALITHA MAHAL PLATE** 1100 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. IMMORTAL BEAUTY 2. FASHIONISTA*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE BVL - LADIES CIRCLE INDIA CUP** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 (Mysore-based horses) *1. ALLURING BEAUTY 2. JANNAT*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE ALEKONA TROPHY** 1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. STAR STUDDED 2. COUNT BASIE*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE K.THAMMANNA GOWDA MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 45 to 65 (Mysore-based horses) *1. DRISANA 2. FALCON FURY*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE GOVERNOR'S CUP** 2000 mts. - 4 years (Terms) *1. MAGNETIC 2. SEA THE SUN*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE A.R. SUBRAMANYA RAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 65 and above *1. WINTER AGENDA 2. DUN IT AGAIN*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE BVL - ROUND TABLE INDIA CUP** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. LEX LUTHOR 2. EL ALAMEIN*

DAY'S BEST: *MAGNETIC*
DOUBLE: *1. IMMORTAL BEAUTY 2. STAR STUDDED*
JACKPOT: *3,4,5,6,7* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *4,5,6,7*
I TREBLE: *2,3,4* ***II TREBLE:*** *5,6,7*
EXACTAS: *1 to 7*

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MYSORE TRAIN TIMINGS

FROM MYSURU RAILWAY STATION TOWARDS KSR BENGALURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Mysuru Departure	Bengaluru Arrival	Days of Service
16586	Murudeshwar	KSR Bengaluru	3.45 am	6.15 am	Daily
16217	Mysuru	Shirdi	5.00 am	7.30 am	Monday
12610	Mysuru	Chennai	5.15 am	7.55 am	Daily
17326	Mysuru	Belagavi	5.40 am	8.40 am	Daily
20663	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	6.00 am	7.45 am	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
66554	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.10 am	9.15 am	Daily
16215	Mysuru	Bengaluru	6.45 am	9.35 am	Daily
22687	Mysuru	Varanasi	7.30 am	9.55 am	Tue & Thu
20623	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	8.20 am	10.50 am	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagara	KSR Bengaluru	9.05 am	1.05 pm	Daily Passenger
19668	Mysuru	Udaipur	10.05 am	12.15 pm	Thu [Humsafar Exp]
12975	Mysuru	Jaipur	10.30 am	12.45 pm	Thu & Sat
12578	Mysuru	Darbhanga	10.30 am	1.35 pm	Friday
12613	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
16315	Mysuru	Kochuveli	12.45 pm	4.25 pm	Daily
20608	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	1.05 pm	2.45 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
17307	Mysuru	Bagalkot	1.25 pm	4.30 pm	Daily
66552	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	1.45 pm	5.00 pm	Daily Passenger
12008	Mysuru	MGR Chennai	2.15 pm	4.10 pm	Daily Except Thur
20659	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	2.50 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
12786	Mysuru	Kacheguda	3.15 pm	5.45 pm	Daily
16535	Mysuru	Pandharpur	3.45 pm	6.25 pm	Daily
16232	Mysuru	Mayiladuturai	4.15 pm	6.50 pm	Daily
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	5.10 pm	8.10 pm	Daily
16236	Mysuru	Tuticorin	6.20 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
06237	Mysuru	Manamadurai	6.35 pm	9.15 pm	Mon
16592	Mysuru	Hubballi	6.50 pm	9.40 pm	Daily
16210	Mysuru	Ajmer	7.10 pm	10.10 pm	Tue & Thu
16227	Mysuru	Talguppa	7.30 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
06526	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	7.50 pm	11.05 pm	Daily
22681	Mysuru	Chennai	8.15 pm	10.50 pm	Wednesday
16022	Mysuru	Chennai	9.00 pm	11.45 pm	Daily
06269	Mysuru	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	9.50 pm	12.40 am	Daily
66580	Mysuru	KSR Bengaluru	10.25 pm	1.15 am	Daily
22135	Mysuru	Renigunta	11.10 pm	1.30 am	Friday
22818	Mysuru	Howrah	11.45 pm	1.55 am	Sunday

DEPARTING FROM KSR BENGALURU AND ARRIVING MYSURU

Train No.	From Station	To Station	Bengaluru Departure	Mysuru Arrival	Days of Service from Bengaluru
06270	SMVT Baiyyappanahalli	Mysuru	12.15 am	4.30 am	Daily
16218	Shirdi	Mysuru	12.55 am	3.35 am	Thursday
22817	Howrah	Mysuru	1.55 am	3.35 am	Sunday
66579	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	2.05 am	5.30 am	Daily Passenger
16021	Chennai	Mysuru	4.00 am	6.45 am	Daily
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	4.30 am	7.10 am	Daily
16228	Talguppa	Mysuru	5.05 am	8.20 am	Daily
22682	Chennai	Mysuru	5.20 am	7.45 am	Friday
16231	Mayiladuturai	Mysuru	5.40 am	8.35 am	Daily
16591	Hubballi	Mysuru	6.00 am	8.55 am	Daily
16235	Tuticorin	Mysuru	6.15 am	9.30 am	Daily
12785	Kacheguda	Mysuru	6.30 am	10.20 am	Daily
16536	Solapur	Mysuru	7.50 am	10.45 am	Daily
17308	Bagalkot	Mysuru	8.10 am	12.00 pm	Daily
16316	Kochuveli	Mysuru	8.30 am	11.15 am	Daily
66551	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	9.15 am	1.30 pm	Daily Passenger
20607	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.05 am	12.20 pm	Daily Except Wed Vande Bharat
12007	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	10.35 am	1.00 pm	Daily Except Thur
20660	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	11.30 am	2.00 pm	Daily
12976	Jaipur	Mysuru	1.00 pm	4.00 pm	Wed & Fri
19667	Udaipur	Mysuru	1.25 pm	4.40 pm	Wed [Humsafar Exp]
20624	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	1.50 pm	4.20 pm	Daily
12614	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	3.15 pm	5.35 pm	Daily
06525	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	4.45 pm	7.40 pm	Daily Passenger
56282	KSR Bengaluru	Chamarajanagar	3.35 pm	6.35 pm	Daily Passenger
12577	Darbhanga	Mysuru	5.00 pm	8.00 pm	Thursday
17325	Belagavi	Mysuru	5.35 pm	8.45 pm	Daily
16216	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	6.15 pm	9.05 pm	Daily
22688	Varanasi	Mysuru	6.30 pm	10.00 pm	Mon & Sat
66553	KSR Bengaluru	Mysuru	7.00 pm	10.15 pm	Daily
12609	Chennai	Mysuru	8.00 pm	10.50 pm	Daily
16585	KSR Bengaluru	Mangaluru	8.25 pm	11.20 pm	Daily Except Friday
20664	MGR Chennai	Mysuru	9.30 pm	11.30 pm	Daily Except Thur Vande Bharat
22136	Renigunta	Mysuru	11.10 pm	1.35 am	Saturday
16209	Ajmer	Mysuru	11.50 pm	2.25 am	Tue & Sun

TOWARDS HASSAN, ARSIKERE, SHIVAMOGGA, DAVANGERE, HAVERI, HUBBALLI, DADAR, NEW DELHI & BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
16206	Mysuru	Talguppa	6.00 am	1.25 pm	Daily
11036	Mysuru	Dadar	6.15 am	5.45 am (next day)	Sunday (Mysuru)
56266 (Exp)	Mysuru	Arsikere	6.30 am	10.25 am	Daily
16208	Mysuru	Yesvantpur	7.15 am	10.10 am (Hassan)	Daily
16225	Mysuru	Shivamogga	10.15 am	4.40 pm	Daily
16222	Mysuru	Talguppa	2.00 pm	11.00 pm	Daily
56268	Mysuru	Arsikere	5.45 pm	10.00 pm	Daily
12781	Mysuru	Hazrat Nizamuddin	7.30 pm (Fri)	6.45 pm (Sun)	Friday
17301	Mysuru	Belagavi	9.30 pm	9.00 am	Daily
16585	Mysuru	Murdeshwar	11.40 pm	12.55 am	Daily
17302	Belagavi	Mysuru	6.00 pm	5.55 am	Daily
06213	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.00 pm	9.25 am	Daily
16226	Shivamogga	Mysuru	11.15 am	5.05 pm	Daily
16207 (Exp)	Yesvantpur	Mysuru	4.45 pm (Hassan)	8.10 pm	Daily
56265	Arsikere	Mysuru	5.30 pm	9.15 pm	Daily
11035	Dadar	Mysuru	9.30 pm	10.00 pm (next day)	Thursday (Dadar)
16221	Talguppa	Mysuru	6.15 am	3.35 pm	Daily
16205	Talguppa	Mysuru	2.50 pm	10.30 pm	Daily
12782	Hazrat Nizamuddin	Mysuru	5.10 am (Mon)	2.20 am (Wed)	Monday
16586	Murdeshwar	Mysuru	2.10 pm	3.30 am	Daily

TOWARDS MYSURU TO CHAMARAJANAGAR AND BACK

Train	From Station	To Station	Departure	Arrival	Days of Service
56202	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	5.00 am	6.35 am	Daily Passenger
16220	Tirupati	Chamarajanagar	7.30 am (Mys)	9.20 am	Daily
56210	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	8.20 am	10.10 am	Daily Passenger
56206	Mysuru	Nanjangud	9.15 am	10.00 am	Daily
56204	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	11.45 am	1.30 pm	Daily
56208	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	3.45 pm	5.20 pm	Daily
56282	Mysuru	Chamarajanagar	6.40 pm	8.40 pm	Daily
56281	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	7.15 pm	9.00 pm	Daily
56205	Nanjangud	Mysuru	10.25 pm	11.15 pm	Daily
56207	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	10.40 pm	12.30 pm	Daily Passenger
16219	Chamarajanagar	Tirupati	3.30 pm	5.00 pm	Daily
56203	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	5.30 pm	7.20 pm	Daily
56209	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	8.50 pm	10.35 pm	Daily
56201	Chamarajanagar	Mysuru	9.45 pm	11.40 pm	DailyPassenger

MPJA's State-level News Photography Contest CM Cup

Chief Minister to attend prize distribution ceremony on Oct. 18

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Mysuru Photo Journalist Association (MPJA), Mysuru, has organised the State-level News Photography Contest Chief Minister Cup Prize Distribution Ceremony at Rani Bahadur Auditorium on Hunsur Road in city on Oct. 18 at 11.30 am. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the event and distribute the prizes.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Chamarajanagar District Minister K. Venkatesh, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Taveer Sait, K. Harishgowda and T.S. Srivatsa, MLCs Dr. D. Thimmaiah and K. Shivakumar, Chief Minister's Media Advisor K.V. Prabhakar and University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath will be the chief guests, according to a press release from MPJA President Pragathi Gopalakrishna and General Secretary M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav.

'Guruvandana' Bharatanatyam dance recital by Kalemane Sisters

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised a Bharatanatyam dance programme titled 'Guruvandana' by Kalemane Sisters — *Nritya Visharade* K.M. Lekha and *Nritya Visharade* K.M. Nidhi — at its Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage on Oct. 18 and 19 from 4 pm onwards.

Chief guests on the occasion include Retired Kannada Professor Prof. A.V. Suryanarayanaswamy, Musicologist *Karnataka Kalashree* V. Nanjundaswamy and his wife Umadevi, writer and *Mysuru Mithra* columnist Dr. V. Ranganath and his wife Nandini, classical singer and composer, Rajkumar Bharathi (grandson of the great poet Mahakavi Subramania Bharathi), classical singer and composer Madurai R. Shankar Prasad and his wife Reeja, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar and Bharatanatyam artiste, Guru and Choreographer, Founder and Principal, Sriniketan Fine Arts, Chennai Natya Shastracharya Dr. P. Padmapriya Manikantan.

Special invitees are Prof. Sumitra Bai, Sitaram, Maddikere Gopal, Prof. Mahajabeen, Vidu. Lalitha Rao, Vid. G.N. Bhat, Ranganath Mysore, Balakrishnaiah and Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle.

Sister duo wins National Dance Honours

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Two young sisters from Mysuru, Minati Anjan and Kashvi Anjan, students of Nypunya School of Excellence, Datagalli, have brought laurels to the city by receiving world record recognition in the field of Bharatanatyam.

Daughters of S. Neethashree and Anjan Ashok, Minati and Kashvi are the disciples of Vid. Madhuri Gogi (Nritya Kala Niketan). They have been learning the Kalakshetra style of Bharatanatyam for the past two years.

Jackhi Book of World Records 2025 - title 'Natiya Kala Jyoti': The sisters were among 630 classical dancers from across India who performed Bharatanatyam on diverse cultural themes at Sirkali Sangamam-2025. This performance set a world record for the largest group Bharatanatyam performance. This has fetched them the title 'Natiya Kala Jyoti.'

AJMA (Art Journey Mentoring Association) - Title 'Nritya Thalir': Minati

and Kashvi were conferred with the title 'Nritya Thalir' at Nattiya Senai 2.0, held at the sacred premises of Arulmigu Kabartheeswara Swamy Temple, Kumbakonam, in August 2025. The event was graced by *Padma Shri* R. Muthukanammal, who acknowledged the dedication of young dancers in preserving Bharatanatyam as a divine art form.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Elumale (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Idli Kadai (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Idli Kottu (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  They Call Him OG (Te) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Saiyaara (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

Kantara: A Legend Chapter-1 (K)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 1.10 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-2)	4.05 pm
	(S-3)	10.05 am, 1.25 pm
		4.45 pm, 8.15 pm
	(S-4)	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.30 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
Tron Ares (E-3D)	(S-2)	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Ravana Prabhu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	8.45 am, 9.15 am, 10 am
		11.15 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm
		2.45 pm, 3.25 pm, 4.25 pm
		5 pm, 6.15 pm
		8.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	7.45 pm, 10 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	9.55 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.20 am
		8.50 am, 10.40 am, 10.45 am
		11.15 am, 11.45 am, 12.15 pm
		2.10 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 4.10 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	10.50 am, 1.30 pm
		7.35 pm
Caught Stealing (E)	:	2.05 pm
Idli Kadai (Ta)	:	4.35 pm
The Smashing Machine (E)	:	7.40 pm
Sunny Sanskari Ki Tulsi Kumari (H)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.50 am
		9.20 am, 10.45 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 12.45 pm, 2.10 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.50 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E-3D)	:	4.10 pm, 10.15 pm

EVENTS TODAY (OCT. 16)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Inchara Kalakshetra:** Handmade (Paper Pulp) Doll Show by K.S. Raghavendra — Over 500 dolls of Paper Pulp depicting Sri Srinivasa Kalyana, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mahime and Dashavataradalli Sri Krishna Bala Leele — Inchara Kalakshetra, #149/150, 4th Cross, 3rd Main, Mahadeshwaranagar, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **4 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 98867-64542 or 98867-21171]
- **Gemini Circus:** 3 shows at Horse Park Grounds, near Karanji Lake, **4 pm & 7 pm.**
- **Spandana Samskrutika Parishat and Daksha Degree and PU College:** Releasing of books 'Hrudaya Garbhadallondu Agnipatha' and 'Beladingala Kaanuva Kanasu (Kempu Bassina Payanadalli),' authored by young writer Muttesh Menasinakai, Dr. Nilagiri M. Talawar, Project Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada, Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) and a writer, releases the books, T. Sathish Javaregowda, President, Spandana Samskrutika Parishat, delivers the introductory remarks, Dr. P. Jayachandra Raju, Chairman, Daksha College, presides, K.P. Gururaj, District Fire Officer, K.R. Neelakanta, Senior Journalist from K.R. Pet; G.B. Mantur, retired Divisional Manager, Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and Muttesh Menasinakai, the author, will be present, Daksha College auditorium, Hootagalli, **4.30 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Rangabhoomi Trust, Kodagu:** Staging of play 'Nijamahatma Babasaheba,' written by Addanda Cariappa, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (OCT. 17)

- **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU):** Inauguration Men's Basketball and Women's Throwball Tournament, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Accounts and Audit Director K.R. Santhanam chief guest, JSS STU Vice-Chancellor Dr. A.N. Santhosh Kumar presides, SJCE Basketball Court, **9.30 am.**
- **District Health and Family Welfare Department, Mysuru, District AIDS Prevention and Control Society, Sri Cauvery First Grade College, Mysuru and Lions Blood Centre - Jeevadhara, Mysuru:** National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, voluntary blood donation camp, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. P.C. Kumaraswamy inaugurates, Sri Cauvery First Grade College, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10 am.**
- **Maharani's Arts College for Women, Mysuru and The National Institute of Engineering, Mysuru:** National Conference on 'Social Awareness on Cybersecurity and Phishing Attacks: Challenges and Preventive Strategies,' JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU) Professor Dr. K.M. Anil Kumar chief guest, MLA K. Harishgowda and Collegiate Education Joint Director Dr. D.S. Prathima guests of honour, Maharani's Arts College for Women, **10 am to 11.30 am.**
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- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Exhibition, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3 pm to 10 pm.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special Training Sessions - Learn & Perform, Simple and Diligent, Saraswati Puja with meaning, symbolism, significance, importance, advantages and methodology by Swami Hamsananda, Yedatore Sri Yoganandeshwara Mutt, #211, 2nd Main, Metagalli Extension, **4.45 pm to 5.30 pm;** Sri Krishna Mandira, 6th Main, 3rd Stage, Gokulam, **6 pm to 6.45 pm;** Samudaya Bhavana, near Gurudwara, Brindavan Extension 2nd Stage, **7 pm to 7.45 pm.**
- **Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Kalpa Heritage Trust:** Screening of documentary 'Yugapurusha Basavanna,' Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will be present, Silver Jubilee Hall, JSS Law College, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

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Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.50 am, 8.20 am, 8.50 am
		11.15 am, 11.45 am, 12.15 pm
		1.10 pm, 2.40 pm, 3.10 pm
		3.40 pm, 6.05 pm, 6.35 pm
		7.05 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
		10.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E)	:	10.20 am, 7.25 pm
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Kantara: A Legend Chapter - 1 (K)	:	7.20 am, 7.50 am, 8.50 am
		9.30 am, 10.45 am, 11.15 am
		12.15 pm, 12.55 pm, 2.10 pm
		2.40 pm, 3.40 pm, 5.35 pm
		6.05 pm, 6.55 pm, 7.05 pm
		9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Tron: Ares (E)	:	4.20 pm, 10.20 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

JSS phone-in tomorrow

Dr. M. Srinidhi

Mysuru, Oct. 16- JSS Radio 91.2 FM will be hosting a special Health Mantana live phone-in programme with doctors on the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month tomorrow (Oct. 17) from 11.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Dr. M. Srinidhi, Cancer Surgeon at K.R. Hospital, will be participating in the session and will respond to listeners' queries.

Members of the public can call in and interact directly with the expert to clarify their doubts or seek information on topics such as: What is breast cancer? What are its symptoms and causes? What are the available screening methods and treatments? What preventive measures can be taken to reduce the risk of breast cancer?

Listeners can participate by calling Mob: 82967-25912 during the live show. Listeners may tune in to 91.2 FM or access through JSS Radio App.

Documentary on Basavanna

Mysuru, Oct. 16- Akhila Bharata Sharana Sahitya Parishat and Kalpa Heritage Trust have jointly organised the screening of documentary 'Yugapurusha Basavanna' at Silver Jubilee Hall, JSS Law College, New Kantharaj Urs Road, Kuvempunagar, on Oct. 17 at 6 pm.

Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will be present at the screening.

The Documentary on the 12th Century Social Reformer Basavanna has won many awards at various Film Festivals and contains soulfully sung Vachanas.

The Documentary was produced by Kalpa Heritage Trust of Mysuru and Directed by its Trustee, Dr. V.R. Anil Kumar. The event is open to all, according to Parishat Vice-President M. Chinnaswamy.

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